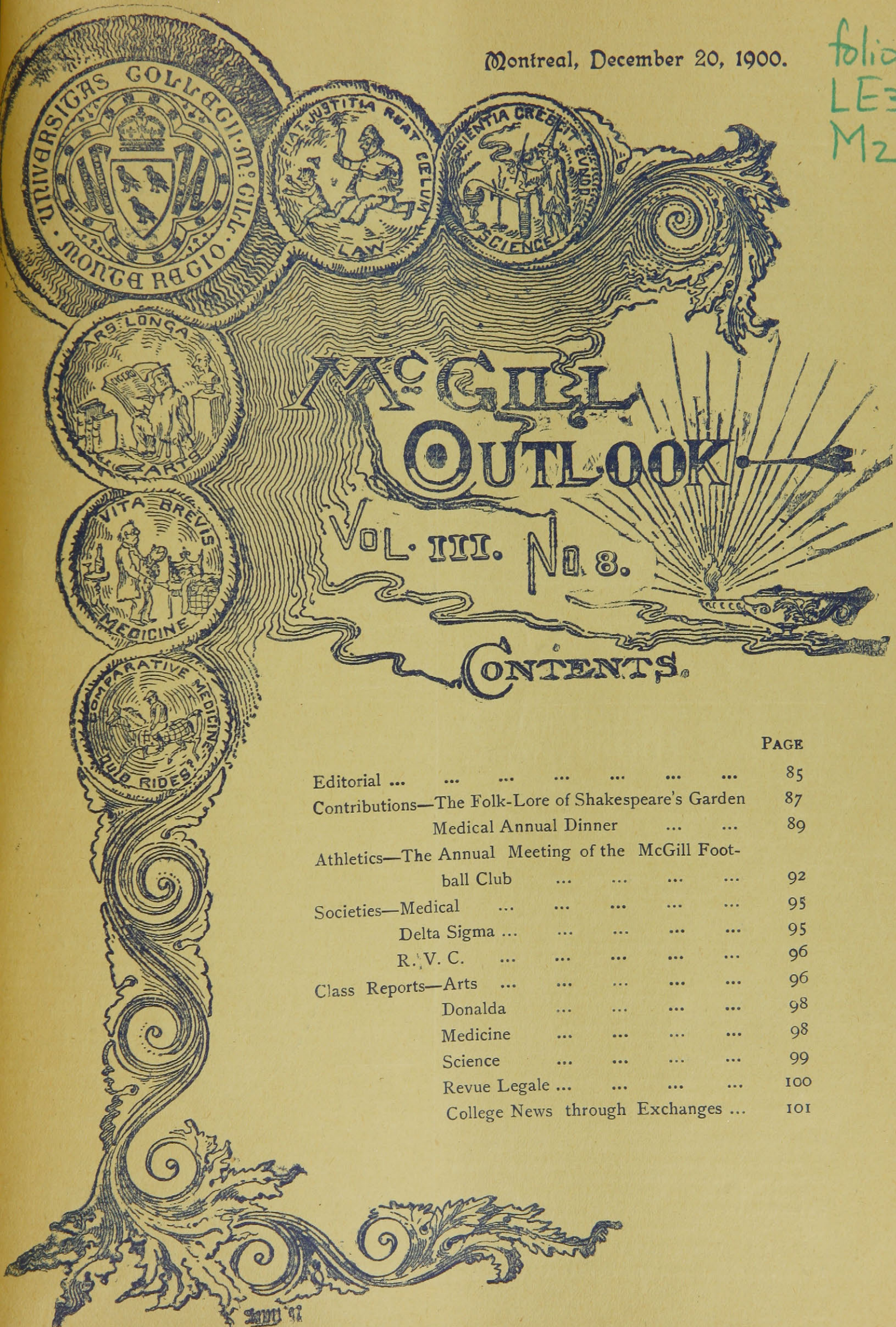


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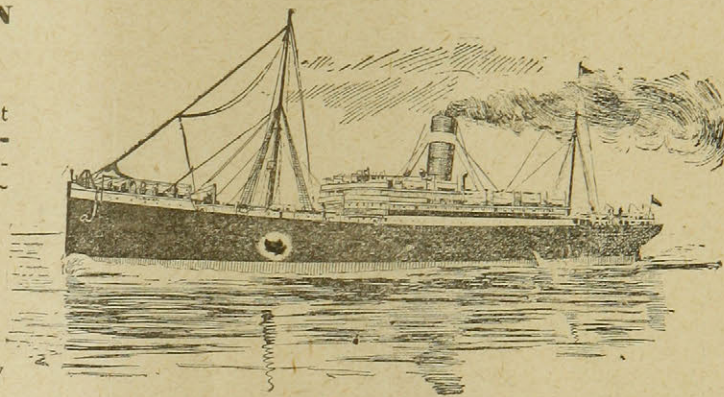
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Editorial.

The Annual Meeting of the Football Club.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the most popular athletic club in McGill was held on Friday, the 7th, full details of which will be found in another column. It was very unfortunate that, owing to other meetings being held the same evening, the attendance was not as large as it should be. However, we can never hope for an ideal attendance until that happy day, which we hope is not far off, when McGill will become a residential College, and men will learn that the Calendar, in all its comprehensiveness, does not embrace more than the half of a University course. In this respect McGill does not stand alone as sufferer, Pennsylvania is to-day bemoaning the ill results of being what the University paper calls "little more than a day school." The men that miss a lively meeting like that of the Football Club are to be more pitied than censured, although

there is much need of the latter. When it comes to a question of mismanagement their voice is soon raised in condemnation of our athletics, but we never hear it, whether in blame or in praise, when it should be heard—at the general meetings.

To come back to the Football Club, one and all of us must confess to a feeling of great satisfaction at the reports submitted to Friday's meeting than we have experienced on any similar occasion during the past four years. Looked at alike from the standpoint of sport and finance, the season has been remarkably successful. We did not win the trophy, but that does not cause us much uneasiness, as we feel that our team is the best in the league, and with anything like ordinary luck would have won out. The spirit which McGill men have shown under defeat is one of the most pleasing features of the season, and the men who carried

McGill's colours with so much credit on the football field may rest assured that their efforts were appreciated, and that the University believed in them—as it still does.

Mr. Campbell Howard vacates his chair as President of the Football Club, after holding this office for the past two years. His good work is too well known to require mention, and to quote Mr. Mason's words on Friday night: "I know of no man in McGill with more influence over his fellow-students than Mr. Howard." Mr. E. G. Mason succeeds Mr. Howard as President of the Club. Mr. Mason is admitted to have proved the best manager that the Club ever had, and as he cannot accept this position for next year the Club is fortunate in having him as President to supervise its affairs. Mr. Kenny is Vice-President. It is a matter of regret to all that he was compelled to decline re-election as Captain of the first XV.; he will, however, continue to play at quarter, where he has few equals. Mr. Patch's election to the office of Secretary for the third time speaks well for his ability.

It is to be sincerely hoped that the University authorities will see their way clear to granting the petition of the Club in regard to practice hours. The petition asks that Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 4 to 6 be left free from lectures in all the Faculties until the 1st of December. The request is a reasonable one, and as such deserves favourable consideration from the authorities. If it is granted it will mean much for football, and, taking into consideration the fact that practically all this year's men will be with us next year, with many other favourable omens, our prospects are exceedingly bright.

The cold weather has now set in, and hockey takes the place of football. McGill as usual will

Skating. have two rinks on the Campus, one for hockey the other for skating; if the cold weather stays with us, both of them will be open by Christmas. The subscription fee of one dollar is small enough to allow of everyone joining; considering the fact that the skating rink is open to all from nine in the morning until ten at night, and the hockey rink likewise, except during regular practice hours, the privileges of membership are decidedly exceptional. McGill has two teams entered in the Quebec Hockey Union, in the Intermediate and Junior Series respectively. On the form shown by our team last season we ought to win the Intermediate Championship. We must remember that the Championship must be won before McGill can push her claim for membership in the Senior Series, where she rightfully belongs. We have the best hockey material in Canada at McGill, but, unfortunately, through not being in the Senior Series, our best men are playing for city teams. We hope that the attendance at the games will be good, so that our teams will feel that they have the hearty support of the student body. It is a well-known fact that intermediate hockey is often more exciting and interesting than Senior, and no one who attends will be disappointed.

There ought to be some effort made to arrange games with Queen's and 'Varsity, and so to lay the foundation of an Inter-Collegiate Hockey Union. Queen's holds the College Cup, and, although McGill has tried for it a number of times, she has so far been unsuccessful.



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THE FOLK-LORE OF SHAKESPEARE'S GARDEN.

That Shakespeare possessed an extensive knowledge of the history and superstitions associated with flowers is evident from even a slight perusal of his plays,—apart from the extensive use he has made of these lovely objects of nature for the purpose of embellishing, or adding pathos to, passages here and there; he has also, with a master hand, interwoven many a legend or superstition, thereby infusing an additional force into his writings. Thus, we know with what effect he has made use of the willow in "*Othello*"—in that touching passage where Desdemona, anticipating her death, relates how her mother had a maid called "Barbara":—

"She was in love, and he she loved proved mad,
And did forsake her; she had a song of willow,
An odd thing 'twas, but it expressed her fortune,
And she died singing it; that song, to-night,
Will not go from my mind."

In a similar manner Shakespeare has frequently introduced flowers with a wonderful aptness, as in the case of poor Ophelia;—as might be expected the rose is the flower most frequently mentioned,—a symbol, in many cases, of all that is fair and lovely. Thus, for instance, Hamlet says:

"Such an act takes off the rose
From the fair forehead of an innocent love,
And sets a blister there."

And Ophelia describes Hamlet as

"The expectancy and rose of the fair state."

In days gone by the rose entered largely into the customs and superstitions of most nations, and even now-a-days there is an extensive folk lore associated with it.

The Greek poets say that the rose was originally white, but that it was changed to red,—according to some, from the blood of Venus, who lacerated her foot with its thorns when rushing to the aid of Adonis;—and, according to others, from the blood of Adonis himself. The fragrance of the rose is said by the poets to be derived from a cup of nectar thrown over it by Cupid, and its thorns to be the stings of the bees with which his bow is strung.

Another tale relating to the birth of the rose is, that Flora, having found the dead body of one of her favorite nymphs, whose beauty could only be equalled by her virtue, implored the assistance of all the gods and goddesses to aid her in changing it into a flower, which all others should acknowledge to be their queen. Apollo lent the vivifying power of his beams, Bacchus bathed it with nectar, Vertumnus gave its perfume, Pomona its fruit, and Flora herself its corona of flowers.

Anacreon makes its birth coeval with those of Venus and Minerva:—

"Then, then, in strange eventful hour,
The earth produced an infant flower,
Which sprang with blushing tinctures drest,
And wanton'd o'er its parent breast;
The gods beheld this brilliant birth,
And hailed the rose—the boon of earth."

A beetle is often represented on antique gems as expiring surrounded by roses, and this is supposed to be an emblem of a man enervated by luxury—the beetle being said to have such an antipathy to roses that the smell of them will cause its death. In this connection will be remembered "Sybarite," which arose from the youths of that town being so emasculated by luxury that a crumpled rose-leaf disturbed their slumbers, and hence the term is typical of the race, which certainly flourish in our day in undiminished numbers.

Herodotus speaks of the double rose, and Solomon of the rose of Sharon, and of the plantation of roses at Jericho. Theophrastus tells us that the hundred-leaved rose grew in his time on Mount Pangæus, and it appears that the Isle of Rhodes, or "Roses," received its name from the culture of the plant carried on there. Pliny mentions several sorts of roses which were known to the Romans, and which the modern authors consider as the same as the Damascus, French and Cabbage roses.

The ancients do not appear to have known either of the yellow or the white rose, unless we except those which Pliny calls the roses of Alabanda, in Caria, which had whitish petals. Among the Romans the rose was an especial favourite. They garnished their dishes with it, and floated its petals on their Falernian wine; wove garlands with it at their feasts; strewed their banqueting apartments with its leaves, and the ladies used rose water for their baths, and as a perfume. During the reign of Domitian the Egyptians thought of offering to the Emperor's court, as a magnificent present, roses in winter, but, at this proposal, the Romans smiled, for, thanks to the forcing process employed by them, roses were abundant in the imperial city at that season. In every street, says Martial, the odour of spring is breathed, and garlands of flowers, freshly gathered, are displayed. "Send us corn, Egyptians, and we will send you roses," was the response. Roses were employed both by the Greeks and the Romans to decorate tombs, and instances are given of rose gardens being bequeathed by their proprietors for the purpose of furnishing flowers to cover their graves.

In Shakespeare's time one of the fashions of the day was the wearing of enormous roses on the shoes, of which full-length portraits afford striking examples. Hamlet speaks of

"Two provincial roses on my razed shoes,"
meaning, no doubt, rosettes of ribbon in the shape of roses of Provence.

In "Friar Bacon's Prophecy" (1604), we find the following allusion to this fashion:—

"When roses in the garden grew,
And not in ribbons on a shoe;
Now ribbon roses take such place
That garden roses want their grace."

Referring to its historical lore we may notice its famous connection with the Wars of the Roses. In the fatal dispute in the Temple Gardens, Somerset, on the part of Lancaster, says :

"Let him that is no coward, nor no flatterer,
But dare maintain the party of the truth,
Pluck a red rose from off this thorn with me."

Warwick, on the part of York, replies :

"I love no colours, and, without all colour
Of base insinuating flattery,
I pluck this white rose with Plantagenet."

The white rose, however, has a very ancient interest for Englishmen, as, long before the brawl in the Temple Gardens, the flower had been connected with one of the most ancient names of England, for Pliny, the elder, in discussing the etymology of the word "Albion" suggests that the land may have been so named from the white roses which abounded there.

I may say here (in a parenthesis) that all sorts and conditions of queries come to me at McGill College Library, and that I was asked recently, where the old proverb, "There is no rose without a thorn" might be found. I confess I was at fault for the moment the Latin, "nec rosa, sine spina," being as obscure in its location as the English. It set me thinking, and I found, at least, an early root for it in Robert Herrick.

Herrick's "Hesperides" appeared in 1648,—the original edition was dedicated to Prince Charles—(Herrick was a Royalist.) There is a freshness about his strains which carries one back to Shakespearean days. In his views of scenery, in his dalliance with flowers and love thoughts, his truthful poetry alternates between the dashing wit of the belle at the "Mermaid," and the bright freshness of the country. The following extract is from that part of the "Hesperides," which is devoted to religious subjects :

THE ROSE.

"Before Man's fall the Rose was born
(St. Ambrose says) without the thorn,
Without the fragrant rosebud born ;
But ne'er the rose without the thorn."

Let me add that a "rose without a thorn" was thought to have been found in Queen Elizabeth, for some silver pennies and three half pence pieces of her reign bear her *effigies* with the motto :

"Rosa sine spina."

(The rose without a thorn.)

I may say, too, with regard to the thorns of the holly. The great hollies which grow in the English forests bear leaves bristling with thorns, to the height of 8 or 10 feet, and above this height the leaves cease to be thorny. There the plant has no need to arm itself against enemies which cannot reach it. This tree, with its dazzling verdure, is the last ornament of the forests ; when they are despoiled by the winter frosts, its berries serve as food for the birds that remain during the winter, and it also affords them a comfortable shelter amidst its foliage. As I have said, the edges of the leaves are provided

with strong sharp spines, as high up as they are within the reach of cattle; above that height the leaves are generally smooth, the projecting spines being no longer necessary.

Robert Southey has noticed this in the following pretty lines :

"O reader! hast thou ever stood to see
The holly tree,
The eye that contemplates it will perceive
Its glossy leaves,
Order'd by an intelligence so wise
As might confound an atheist's sophistries,
Below a circling fence its leaves are seen,
Wrinkled and keen ;
No grazing cattle through their prickly round
Can reach to wound ;
But as they grow where nothing is to fear
Smooth and unarmed the pointless leaves appear."

But I only find one mention of the holly in Shakespeare ; it appears in "As You Like It," as a chorus to his well-known song, "Blow, blow, thou winter wind" :

"Heigh-ho! sing heigh-ho! unto the green holly,
Most friendship is feigning, most loving mere folly ;
Then heigh ho, the holly !
This life is most jolly."

The anemone, a favorite flower of early spring, is probably alluded to by Shakespeare twice, although he does not actually name it, the evidence is in favour of this plant. In "*Venus and Adonis*" he says :

"By this, the boy that by her side lay kill'd
Was melted like a vapour from her sight ;
And in his blood, that on the ground lay spill'd,
A purple flower sprung up, chequer'd with white,
Resembling well his pale cheeks, and the blood
Which in round drops upon their whiteness stood."

It is said to have sprung from the tears that Venus wept over the body of Adonis :—

"Alas, the Paphian ! fair Adonis slain !
Tears plenteous as his blood she pours amain,
But gentle flowers are born, and bloom around ;
From every drop that falls upon the ground
Where streams his blood, there blushing springs
[the rose,
And where a tear has dropped a wind-flower blows."

"According to a mediæval legend, the perpetual motion of the aspen tree dates from its having supplied the wood of the Cross, and that its leaves have trembled ever since at the recollection of their guilt ; another legend tells us that the aspen was said to have been the tree on which Judas hanged himself after the betrayal of his Master, and ever since its leaves have trembled with shame—Shakespeare twice alludes to the trembling of the aspen—in "*Titus Andronicus*," Marcus exclaims :

"O ! had the monster seen those lily hands
Tremble, like aspen leaves, upon a lute."

And, in the second part of Henry IV., the hostess say :—

"Feel, masters, how I shake ; Yea, in
Very truth, do I, an' 'twere an aspen."

"*Bachelor's Buttons*" was a name given to

several flowers, and perhaps in Shakespeare's time was more loosely applied to any flower in bud; it is now usually understood to be a double variety of ranunculus; it was formerly supposed by country people to have some magical effect upon the fortunes of lovers. Hence it was customary for young people to carry its flowers in their pockets, judging of their good or bad success in proportion as they retained or lost their freshness.

It is to this sort of divination that Shakespeare refers in "*Merry Wives of Windsor*," where he makes the hostess say:—

"What say you to Young Master Fenton? he Capers, he dances, he has eyes of youth, he writes Verses, he speaks holiday, he smells April and May; he will carry 't, he will carry 't; 'tis in his Buttons, he will carry 't."

The term, "to wear bachelor's buttons," seems to have grown into a phrase for being unmarried.

From early times the balm, or balsam, has been valued for its curative properties, and as such is alluded to in "*Troilus and Cressida*," and in the 3rd part of *Henry VI.* the King says:—

"My pity hath been balm to heal their wounds."

"In *Timon of Athens*" we have

"Is this the balsam that the usuring Senate Pours into Captain's wounds? Banishment!"

Macbeth, too, in the well-known passage introduces it:—

"Sleep that knits up the ravell'd sleeve of care,
The death of each day's life, sore labour's bath,
Balm of hurt minds, great nature's second course,
Chief nourisher in life's feast."

As the "*Oil of Consecration*," it is spoken of by King Richard II.,

"Not all the water in the rough, rude sea
Can wash the balm from an anointed King."

And again in the 3rd part of *King Henry VI.* the origin of balsam was for a long time a secret, but it is now known to have been the produce of several gum-bearing trees; and now, as then, is not strictly confined to the produce of any one plant.

The withering and death of the bay-tree was reckoned a prognostic of evil, both in ancient and modern times, a notion which is referred to in *Richard II.*

"'Tis thought, the King is dead, we will not stay,
The bay-trees in our country are all wither'd."

Holinshed says in his "*Chronicles*": "In this yeare, in a manner throughout all the realme of England, old baie trees withered."

The Romans called it "the plant of the good angel."

It was formerly imagined that the camomile grew the more luxuriantly for being frequently trodden or pressed down, a notion alluded to in *Henry IV., Part I.*, by Falstaff:—

"For though the camomile, the more it is trodden
"On the faster it grows, yet youth, the more it is
"Wasted the faster it wears."

A similar passage occurs in Lyly's "*Euphues*," a book very fashionable in Shakespeare's day.

"The columbine" was anciently termed a "thankless flower," and was also emblematical of forsaken lovers. Ophelia alludes to it in *Hamlet*, regarding it as symbolical of ingratitude.

The name "crow flower," which in Shakespeare's time, was applied to the "ragged robin," is now used for the buttercup. It was one of the flowers which Ophelia wove into her garland:—

"There with fantastic garlands did she come,
Of crow flowers, nettles, daisies, and long purples."

From the earliest times the cypress has had a mournful history, being associated with funerals and church yards. It is styled by Spenser as "cypress funereal." Formerly, coffins were made of cypress wood, a practice to which Shakespeare probably alludes in "*Twelfth Night*," where the clown says "in sad cypress let me be laid." Some prefer understanding cypress to mean a shroud of cyprus or cypress;—a fine, transparent stuff, similar to crape, but the expression "laid" seems more applicable to a coffin than to a shroud, and it is worthy of note that the shroud is afterwards expressly mentioned by itself.

The "daffodil" mentioned by Shakespeare is the wild daffodil, which grows so abundantly in many parts of England. Perdita, in "*The Winter's Tale*," mentions a little piece of weather lore, and tells us how the daffodils

"Come before the swallow dares, and take
The winds of March with beauty."

And Autolycus, in the same play, sings thus:—

"When daffodils begin to peer,
Why, then comes in the sweet o' the year."

"Darnel" was used in Shakespeare's day to denote any hurtful weed. Newton in his "*Herbat to the Bible*" says that under the name of darnel is comprehended all noisome, vicious, and unprofitable graine, encumbering and hindering good corn."

Thus, Cordelia, in "*King Lear*," says:—

"Darnel, and all the idle weeds that grow
In our sustaining corn."

According to Gerarde, "darnel hurteth the eyes, and maketh them dim, if it happen either in corne for breade or drinke."

MEDICAL ANNUAL DINNER.

The Annual Dinner of the Undergraduates of the Faculty of Medicine was held Friday evening, in the Ladies Ordinary, Wind-or Hotel. This was a dinner long to be remembered by those who were present, as it was without a doubt the most successful function of the kind ever held at Old McGill. The attendance was large, over 250 guests being present; the menu left nothing to be desired, the decorations were superb. The arms of McGill surmounted the entrance, while on the walls were ranged the colours of "Varsity," "Queen's,"

"Trinity," "Bishop" and "Laval" in a most artistic and pleasing manner, which reflected great credit on the committee in charge of the decorations. The tables were beautifully ornamented. The President, Professors and distinguished guests occupied the head table, the committees and delegates the centre table, the remaining guests occupying tables on either side. The dinner being disposed of, the President, Campbell Howard, proposed the toast of "The Queen," which was honoured with every demonstration of loyalty, the orchestra playing "God Save the Queen." Mr. F. W. Crang proposed the toast of the evening, "Old McGill." Mr. Crang's speech was a veritable masterpiece, abounding in choice oratorical figures, and characterized by easily delivered, gracefully turned sentences. The speech was as follows:—

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

To-night I intend to pour out to you a teaspoonful of the past history of old McGill College, and extend to you a wineglassful of the present, likening her throughout to a *fair young lady*.

Early in this century at the foot of the mountain in the City of Montreal there stood a small school-house; the teacher, a pretty Miss with intelligent look but dressed in oh! such a sombre garment of Church of England sectarianism. Her pupils were few in number, but the great secret of her success lay in the fact that what she taught she taught thoroughly, what she gave she gave freely, what she admired she praised openly. The years rolled on, and this fair maiden became enamoured of one William Dawson, originally from Nova Scotia, but at that time Fellow of the Geological Society of London, England. And, as I said before, what she admired she praised openly, therefore in the natural course of events letters passed between them, and oh such letters, replete with I beg, pray, beseech, desire, want you to come and live with me—for I live and live only for you. How could he refuse such letters. Of course Wm. Dawson came, and coming to Montreal he threw his loving arms around the fragile form of Miss McGill, and clasped her to his bosom in such a life-long, loving and tender embrace that his hold did not relax its grasp until the infirmities of old age came upon him in the year 1894.

He came from England with resourceful ideas at his command—an intellectual giant, a prodigy, a man of broad principles, with British bulldog tenacity and doggedness of purpose, and containing within himself that inherent power of drawing and attracting all manner of men, and as an avalanche cuts its way and carries everything before it, so too he, quickly grasping the scythe of industry, cut a wide swath, and laid low the trials, tribulations and difficulties that at that time surrounded McGill College.

Meanwhile our fair young lady continued to thrive and prosper, like that stereotyped old green bay tree. She threw aside her sombre garment of sectarianism, and replenished herself with more resplendent robes of non-sectarianism. Her sons and daughters increased and multiplied, and her fame spread abroad throughout the land, until even her gracious Majesty the Queen stretched forth her hand

in the year 1883 and crowned her husband's head with knighthood.

Now she arose in her own true glory and splendor of womanhood and shone forth. Her whole soul drank deeply of the passion to give forth new life, and stretching forth her non-magnetic hands she drew men to pay her homage from Esquimaux on the West to Halifax on the East, from sunny South to icy North, and almost, you might say, from the uninhabited part of the earth.

But this is past. Let us now build her into the living monument as she appears to us to-day. Built on a rock bottom foundation of Church of Englandism, on top of this a concrete footing of Methodism, on top of this a dimension stone-footing of Presbyterianism, and above this a plinth course of Congregationalism, buttressed on four sides by Arts, Medicine, Law and Science, surmounted on top by a marble slab of honesty and integrity of purpose. she stands to-day pedestalled on high a living monument, progressive, prolific and projectile.

That broad gold band on the third finger of her left hand denotes her second matrimonial alliance with a man whose name I am proud to mention—a man of whom to-day McGill is proud—and especially is the Faculty of Medicine—a man in fact of whom the whole country is proud, and one who is fast endearing himself to the people of Montreal, and is entwining himself into the hearts, minds, lives, and affections of the student body of McGill generally, and that is our worthy Principal, Dr. Peterson.

On the next finger she wears a ring of pearls, quiet gems, denoting her meek, modest, mild-mannered, smooth-tongued men of the ministry.

On the same finger she wears a ring of rubies, denoting her thin, thoughtful, broad browed, intellectually stooped looking men of Arts, those men, gentlemen, that will invariably persist in wearing gowns when they get in a rumpus with the medical students.

On the next finger she wears a ring of sapphires, denoting the quick, sharp, active, energetic, ever-alert and up-to-date men of Science, those men that are filled to the brim with electricity, those men who are filled to the brim with horse power, and moreover those men that, especially this year since winning the trophy, are filled to the brim with wind pressure to the square inch.

Her bracelet is studded with brilliants, brilliants denoting her lawyers, her lawyers that scintillate like sparks from a blacksmith's anvil around our bars—of Justice.

Observe that diamond necklace, how it shines and sparkles, glitters and glimmers. You can't hide that light under a bushel. That denotes her medical men, such sparkling gems, such brilliant gems, such "gems of purest ray serene," those gems that are so wrapt up in the art, mystery and science of their own avocation that they are able to go and see a patient, study his character, prescribe some elixir of life, and send him on his way rejoicing in 24 hours. Those gems that are courted, loved and admired by all of the fair sex, and moreover those gems which, if you will only look around this vast assembly room to-night, you will agree with me when saying that

they are capable of shining with even more dazzling brilliancy by night than by day. Those large gems in the necklace denote the professoriate. Those gems that absorb the latest ideas—digest them—eliminate the toxins and give them out to the student bodies as new food stuffs.

No wonder they say "What is the matter with Medicine?" "She's all right." Of course she's all right; her jewels are guarded during the day by our British bulldog, who sits in his little dog-house and there sorts his dog biscuits, to wit: our juvenile acquaintance, "Cook."

Her nostrils breath forth the breath of life, and her deep blue eyes are capable of foreseeing the needs of a nation. She looks down over the McGill arena, where she sees her lithesome sons contest for supremacy with 'Varsity, Queen's, Lennoxville and other colleges. She knows Captain Kenny and the first fifteen by name. She knows what the cry of "Buck up, McGill," means. She knows we are always able to beat 'Varsity and Queen's on our own grounds, and further she knows what our track team and our 1st, 2nd and 3rd fifteens have been doing this year, both at home and abroad, to uphold her honour.

What need has she of Marconi's system of wireless telegraphy to keep her in contact with the outer world? Her finely attuned sensory nerves receive the ethereal vibrations from outlying districts, pass them in through Axis cylinder and dendritic nobs, and by means of relays into that vast ganglionic cell of hers for future reference, viz., her library. Her mind transmits her thoughts, ideas and impressions throughout the vast arterial system to such an extent that her strong full pulse may be felt beating in all the vital cities or centres of the Universe, and the venous return brings back to College, whether by negative pressure or personal magnetism, if you will, cellular elements consisting of student bodies made up of nucleus pent-up energy and protoplasm consisting of phosphorous from our Eastern province, mineral matter from our Western province, proteids from Manitoba and the North-West, oxygen from Ontario, lime salts from Quebec, carbohydrates from our friends to the South, and Donalds from the terrestrial portions of the globe.

No wonder that people think she is a marvel of beauty, elegance and grace, critics that she outrivals Helen of Troy, but her own, her medical students, prefer to diagnose her like this, taking these if you will, for facial characteristics, viz.: 1. thinness of lips, 2. pearliness of teeth, 3. aquilinity of nose, 4. rudiness of cheeks, 5. arch of eyebrows, 6. height of forehead, 7. glossiness of her nut brown hair, 8. ovality of her face. And now we hesitate and alternate between two opinions—first, a classically high-strung Canadian maiden; secondly, a Grecian profile. Now, to settle it, bring in some bodily characteristics; first, symmetry of form; second, perfection of carriage; third, her poise; fourth, her gesture; fifth, her elasticity of step; and last, but not least, sixth, the daintiness of her foot. I tell you, gentlemen, that any medical student with that set of evident objective signs at his command would immediately ostracise that Grecian profile, and diagnose her as

being that which she in reality is, viz., the pure Canadian Dijitaler of Medicine.

See, she places her hand to her side, and raises to her ruby lips that little silver trumpet, and blows forth this command: "McGill expects that every man, this day, will do his duty." And quickly you see her reserve force come into line, 100 men from the faculty of Law, 200 men from the faculty of Arts, 300 men from the faculty of Science, 500 men from the faculty of Medicine. Yes, and I believe, that if occasion required it, she would even be able to get a few fighting "Chaplain O'Learys" from our ministerial brethren. Our Captain, a modest unassuming fellow, a physical, moral and intellectual giant, a man beloved not only by his own Year but by every year in every Faculty of McGill College to-day, and that is the President of this Medical dinner, Mr. Campbell Howard.

See, he stoops and gives these orders to his men. Number one and two divisions guard the front gate, number three division guard the Western gate, number four division guard the Eastern gate, number 5 and 6 divisions hold yourselves in readiness on the hill in front of the Art building. See, they go a glorious army to take up their different positions, marching down McGill's bright celestial road of learning to the tune of "Tramp, tramp, tramp, McGill is marching" and "Rule Britannia."

Again she raises that trumpet to her lips, and there issues forth these joyous sounds: Other colleges have turned out their thousands, McGill has turned out her tens of thousands. Other colleges receive donations in thousands, McGill receives donations in tens of thousands. Other colleges boast of having good professoriates, in fact, regular fountain-heads of information. McGill's professoriate is the choicest in sample, the oldest in vintage, and the finest in flavor that has ever been gathered, bottled and labelled clear, cool, sparkling champagne.

Other colleges boast of having this, that and the other things that McGill hasn't got. What do we care? Haven't we got that grand old steed, Lord Strathcona, and his running mate, Sir William McDonald, the finest team that ever passed beneath a judge's wire drawing an educational sulky. I say they hold the very highest record, and one that can not be beaten. I say that they are the finest pair of race horses that this or any other country has ever produced, and that they are able to give any other team on this American continent of ours one eighth of a mile start and then beat them out by a neck at the finish, midst the loud and prolonged applause of a loyal and loving Canadian people.

To sum them up, then, as I see them to-day they stand a spanking team of iron grey steeds, ticketed first prize, decked out with McGill ribbons, drawing an educational sleigh with little Miss McGill tucked away in the buffalo robes, Miss Oakley acting as lady in waiting, a medical body-guard of honour, surrounding, composed of General Dr. Craik, with his aide-de-camp, Dr. "Roberts" Ruttan, and old veterans such as Dr. Roddick, Dr. Stewart, Dr. Shepherd, and last, but not least, Dr. Girdwood; and Principal Peterson acting as coachman,

Once more she raises that silver horn and blows forth a stentorian blast that echoes—reverberates, strikes—rebounds and is carried away on into the horizon of coming events, sounding like unto this saying—I am McGill, the grandest, most glorious and illustrious College that ever breathed forth the oxygen of life under the broad canopy of heaven in this our northern home.

And now, Mr. Chairman, in proposing the toast to my Alma Mater I wish to do it in this way, hoping that ever and anon, as we look backward, we may be able to picture her as I see her at the present—sentinelled by "Mount Royal," guarded by the R.V.H., oozed by the reservoir, built on an upland, built on the solid rock, buildings of solid stone, bonded in a semi-circle neath shady trees, pedestalled on high, a living monument, progressive, prolific and projectile.

This speech was listened to with delight by the undergraduates, who crowned each flowing period with tremendous applause. Dr. Peterson replied to the toast. The Principal's remarks were appropriate to the occasion and received with enthusiasm. He remarked that, of all the Faculty Dinners to attend, the Medical one gave him the most pleasure. He dwelt upon the common object which all the Faculties should have in view of cementing union between the various sections of the University and continuing to justify their motto, "*E pluribus unum*."

This was followed by ringing cheers, and the singing of "He's a jolly good fellow."

Mr. Justice Archibald followed in a similar strain. Mr. T. A. Seitelbaum proposed "The Dean and Professors," and Dr. Roddick replied. Mr. C. F. Martin gave "The Soldiers of the Queen," and Dr. C. F. Wilson and H. W. Coates, Med. '01, who have seen service in Transvaal, responded. "Sister Universities" were proposed by S. Evans, '02, and replied to by the delegates from Toronto, Queen's, Trinity, Bishop's, and Laval. J. Colby, B. A., '02, proposed "The Coming Century and its first brood

of Doctors," the reply being by Mr. W. J. Egan. To Dr. Chipman was delegated the responsibility of the toast to the "Perennial Freshman," which was replied to by J. S. Fysche, '04.

During the evening Mr. Percy Moore sang in his usual gratifying style, as also did Messrs. McDonald and Kendall.

The Committee was as follows:

Hon. Pres., J. G. Adami, M.D.; President, Campbell Howard, '01; Hon. Sec., R. F. Ruttan, M. D.; Sec., M. McKay, B.A.; Hon. Treas., J. G. McArthy, M.D.; Treas., C. G. Robertson; Faculty Representative, F. G. Finley, M.D.; Committee, C. H. Hopkins, G. Moffatt, J. H. Boulter, J. B. Winder, A. T. Ainley, J. P. McDonald.

The Reception Committee, composed of Messrs. C. A. Rutherford, '01, Louis H. Rédon, '01, and R. McGrath, '02, was voted the best on record. They entertained the delegates royally, escorting them through the University and our several hospitals, after which the remaining time was taken up by sight-seeing in the city. There was only one voice expressed by the delegates on their departure, and that was, "We will never forget the grand reception and treatment received at the 1900 Medical Dinner."

The following are the names of the delegates:

J. A. McCallum, 'Varsity '01.

E. Richardson, Queen's, '01.

D. R. Landsborough, Trinity, '01.

Geo. H. Tutell, Bishops', '01.

P. C. Dagneau, Laval, '01, Quebec.

E. W. Landry, Laval, '01, Montreal.

C. W. Taylor, Science, '01, McGill.

W. G. MacNaughton, Arts, '01, McGill.

A. R. Holden, Law, '01, McGill.

Oscar T. Amyrauld, Comp. Med., '01, McGill.

The singing of "God save the Queen," brought to a close one of the most orderly and successful banquets in the history of the Medical Faculty of McGill.

O. T. A., '01, C. Med.

Athletics.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MCGILL FOOTBALL CLUB.

The Football Club held its annual meeting on Friday, the 7th of December, in the old Chemistry Room, the attendance being rather small on account of other University affairs being on for the same evening. Mr. Campbell Howard, Med. '01, President of the Club, presided, and, after the usual preliminaries, called upon the Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting. In the absence of Mr. Patch, the minutes were read by Mr. Johnson, Med. '02, who was appointed acting-secretary for the evening. After the minutes had been read and approved, the meeting proceeded to the business of the evening—the receiving of the Secretary's and Treas-

urer's reports and the election of officers for the ensuing year. The Secretary's report was very exhaustive and interesting, and for the benefit of those who were unable to attend the meeting, we publish it *verbatim*:

Mr. President and Gentlemen:—

I have the honour to present to you the twenty-sixth annual report of the Secretary of the McGill University Football Club.

It may be stated without any exaggeration whatever that the past season has been one of the most successful the Club has ever experienced. Certainly, never before has McGill figured so creditably and honourably on the football fields as this year, thanks to the work of the three teams who have represented her this season.

Two championships have been gained outright, and but for certain untoward circumstances, the cup which represents a third would be resting with us. Seventeen matches in all have been played by our three teams, and only four of these were lost, a showing of which we have every reason to feel proud.

The financial aspect of the season's work is just as satisfactory. Your Committee entered upon its work with the encumbrance of a debt of considerably over \$250. By the generosity of the students, and certain of the powers that be, this was practically wiped out before the playing season began. The latter has been a succession of successes. A laudable enthusiasm among the students, the general favour which the good and successful work of our teams occasioned among the general public, splendid weather, and above all, the energetic and efficient management, are some of the main circumstances which have contributed to the season's success, and have enabled your treasurer to present the most acceptable financial statement, since McGill entered the Canadian Intercollegiate Rugby Football Union.

The third year of the Intercollegiate Union's existence has more than ever justified the formation of that body and McGill's connection with it. McGill did not win the championship, but they played just as good football as Queen's, who did. Breaking even in their home and home games with the winners, McGill found 'Varsity in a much stronger condition than did Queen's, and at a time and under circumstances when 'Varsity were put upon their honour to win as never before. It is the loser's privilege to offer excuses, and so we may be pardoned for stating our confident belief that we would have won that vital final game in Toronto had certain fates been propitious, the fates in this case being represented by free kicks to the opposing side, the same free kicks being administered with a most disheartening frequency.

Captain Kenny and Manager Mason started the season with a team which certainly did not consist of veterans. With a comparatively small nucleus of experienced players, they have developed a team which ranks with the best, and whose full development will only be seen next year. In view of its small losses by graduation, it promises splendid results to the attention devoted to it by its captain and manager.

Both Queen's and 'Varsity were beaten on the campus, we suffering like reverses away from home. Queen's, by playing a drawn game with 'Varsity in Toronto, gained one more point in the championship series than McGill, and thus obtained the coveted honour. The standing of the clubs in the C.I.R.F.U. was as follows:

	Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	Points.
Queen's.....	4	2	1	1	5
McGill	4	2	0	2	4
'Varsity.....	4	1	1	2	3

The following is the summary of our league games:

Oct. 13.	Campus.	'Varsity.	Won—13—4
Oct. 20.	Kingston.	Queen's.	Lost—2—16
Nov. 3.	Campus.	Queen's.	Won—11—1

Nov. 17. Toronto. 'Varsity. Lost—4—7
Games played, 4; won, 2; lost, 2.
Points scored, 30; points scored against, 28.

The following played in two or more league matches on the team, and are thereby entitled to vote in the election of the 1901 captain and incidentally to wear the M:—

Messrs. Beck, Caldwell, Cowen, Curren, Graham (R. W.), Hampson, Johnson (G. R.), Kenny (Captain), McNee, Molson (P.), Molson (W.), Morse, Nagle, O'Brien, Seifert and Shillington. Of these P. Molson figured on the '98 and '99 teams, while Messrs. Beck, Cowen, Hampson, Johnson, O'Brien and Shillington played on the '99 team. Messrs. Boulter, Howitt, McKay and Savage played in one match.

In addition to the above league matches, two exhibition games were played as follows:

Sept. 29	Campus.	Britannia.	Won—5—1
Oct. 27	Ottawa.	Ottawa.	Lost—12—17

Our showing against the latter was especially praiseworthy, they succeeding in winning the Canadian Rugby Union championship for this year.

The Intermediate team won the Intermediate championship of the Quebec Rugby Union, and represented this union in the Canadian Rugby Union championship against London, the Intermediate Champions Ontario Rugby Union. Though defeated in this game, they played pluckily and acted creditably under trying circumstances, the game being of none too gentlemanly a nature, being more a trial of brute strength from which the heavy London team came out victorious.

In the Q.R.U. their career was one of unbroken successes. Mr. A.G. Meindl, Med. 1903, captained the team in all but the first game, being appointed to the position, first as acting, and later as permanent captain, owing to the resignation of Mr. C. G. MacKinnon.

The summary of their games follows:

Oct. 6,	M. A. A. A.,	Montreal II.	Won—8—4.
Oct. 13,	Montreal	Baseball Park,	Britannia II.
			Won—8—1.
Oct. 20,	Campus,	Shamrock I.	Won—34—0.
Oct. 27,	Campus,	Westmount I.	Won—5—2.
Nov. 10,	M. A. A. A.,	Bishop's College	(Lennoxville).
			Won—6—0.
Nov. 24,	M. A. A. A.,	London	(Intermediate Champions, O.R.F.U.)
			Lost—5—14.
			Games played, 6; won, 5; lost, 1.
			Points scored, 66; points scored against, 21.

The following played in two or more championship matches on the 2nd XV:—Messrs. Howitt, MacDougall, May, McConkey, Meindl (Captain), Mowatt, Martin, Billings, Sims, Inksetter, Boulter, Hamilton, MacCosham, Sutherland, Lindsay, Douglas, Gaskill and Graham (W.F.) In addition, eighteen men played in one match only.

The Third team won our second championship without suffering a single defeat. They succeeded in obtaining the Junior Championship of the Quebec Rugby Union. They were captained and managed by Messrs. J. J. Andrews, Med. 1903, and W. L.

Carter, Med. 1902, respectively. This team and its candidate formed this year a separate squad, with practice hours separate from that of the first team squad, comprising the Senior and Intermediate teams. With the appointment of a separate manager, Mr. Mason was enabled to devote all his energies to the first and second teams.

The summary of the games follows :

Sept. 29, Westmount Park, Westmount II. Won—10-3.

Oct. 6, Campus, Point St. Charles I. Won—9-7.

Oct. 13, M.A.A.A., Montreal III. Won—13-6.

Oct. 20, S.A.A.A., Shamrock II. Won—21-0.

Oct. 27, Montreal Baseball Park, Britannia III. Won—21-0.

Games played, 5 ; won, 5 ; lost, 0.

Points scored, 74 ; points scored against, 16.

The following played in two or more championship matches.—Messrs. Andrews (Captain), McDonald (G.), Wurtele, Greey, Hamilton, Wilson, Graham (W.S.), Reford, Crosby, Cameron, Donaldson, Graham (W.F.), Johnson (J.A.), Jeakins, Ogilvie, Papineau, Lucas and Carter. Ten other gentlemen played in one match only.

Two members of this team suffered the only accidents in the club during the season. Mr H. L. Pavey had his collar-bone broken, and Mr. P. Ogilvie the ligaments of his leg badly wrenched, both in the Point St. Charles game. With the large number of men playing, this absence of severe casualties was very pleasing as well as remarkable.

Your Committee was enabled to partially carry out one of the suggestions made at last year's annual meeting. Through the energy of our manager and the co-operation of certain professors, no lectures were given after 4 p.m. on Wednesdays during the football season, a decided advantage to Captain Kenny and his players.

Another of the directions in which our manager showed his customary zeal and energy, was in getting men out to practice. The students, too, showed a hearty enthusiasm, but many of the good results were due to the manager's efforts. It may be interesting to know that 66 men participated in one or more championship matches of the Club during the season.

Your Secretary had the honour of representing the Club on the Executive of the C. I. R. F. U., and incidentally of serving as the Secretary-Treasurer of that body. Mr. E. G. Mason succeeds him on the Board next year, and will officiate as the Union's Vice President. At a general meeting of the Union held that spring in Kingston, many important changes were made in the rules, which changes you will find incorporated in the C. I. R. F. U. Handbook. The famous "Burnside" Rules proposed by 'Varsity were rejected, McGill and Queen's both opposing them. A Board of Referees was provided for, on which each Senior Club has five representatives. Messrs. Howard, Kenny, Mason, Sise and Turner were McGill's nominations for the past season. At the Annual Meeting in Toronto, on Nov. 17, a change was made in the scoring, by which a try will in future count 5 instead of 4, as formerly. It was further made imperative that the

referee and umpire in league games should be chosen from the Board of Referees. It, therefore, is incumbent on next year's Committee, when making McGill's nominations, to choose representatives who will be available for duty whenever needed, as in most instances this year it was found that the acceptable men were unobtainable.

It is to be regretted that it has been found unable to provide any substantial reward to our three teams, and particularly to the second and third, who have won championships, as the Q. R. U. donates no trophies to the winners in these series. It moreover was the custom when McGill was in the Q. R. U. Senior ranks to give caps to first team men, but, since entering the C. I. R. F. U., financial circumstances have made the observance of this rule impossible. It is to be hoped that you may be able to show your appreciation of our three teams this year by granting them some memento of their work, if only photographs or badges, if caps are out of the question.

It is impossible for me to close without adding a special word of testimonial to Messrs. Kenny and Mason, who have worked so well, and, more to the point, so well together, in their positions of captain and manager respectively. Both were animated by the same oneness of purpose, the success of our teams, and both had the zeal, energy and ability to effect this, even at the sacrifice of College studies. Mr. Campbell Howard, besides presiding over our meetings with the utmost tact, was able to lend his large experience in this direction, as well as in the work of active coaching on the field.

The election of the 1901 captain has already taken place, those of the first team playing in two or more league matches having this authority. As Mr. Kenny could not be prevailed to act next year, Mr. Boyd Caldwell, Sci. 1902, was elected to the position.

The whole respectfully submitted.

F. S. PATCH,
Hon. Sec'y McG. U. F. C.

Montreal, Dec. 7, 1900.

It was then moved and seconded that the report be adopted; the motion was carried, and the President called on the Treasurer to read his report. Mr. Mowatt, in a clear and concise manner, explained the financial situation of the Club, which is certainly most bright and promising. At the last general meeting there was a deficit of \$282.13—a state of affairs which boded ill for the coming season. However, the management set to work immediately, opened subscription lists, approached the friends of the University, and the debt was cleared off by the opening of the present term, the Treasurer finding himself some \$45.20 in on the head of it all. The past season has been most successful financially as well as in other ways, and, considering the heavy expenditure necessitated by long trips, it is a matter of no little satisfaction that the Treasurer is able to report a balance of \$30 on the right side—a rather unprecedented state of affairs in McGill athletics. The heavy expenses of the Inter-Collegiate League may be illustrated by the following figures: The Queen's game in Kingston cost the Club \$239.45, while the 'Varsity game at Toronto cost

\$398.38. The receipts from the home games, however, were very good, that with 'Varsity on Oct. 13 netting \$311.90 and with Queen's on Nov. 3, \$349.75. Britannia-McGill on Sept. 29 proved a loser owing to the bad weather, the Club being some \$20 behind on the game, McGill-Westmount on Oct. 27 brought in \$32.90.

These are some of the principal figures from a very excellent report. It was moved and seconded that, "providing the auditors of the Grounds and Athletic Committee give their approval, this meeting adopt the Treasurer's report"—unanimously carried. The report, a bulky document of 12 pages foolscap, was then passed around for inspection. On the suggestion of Mr. MacLaren, the President called upon the Manager, Mr. Mason, for a verbal report of the season's work, according to the Constitution the Manager not being required to present a report. Mr. Mason then touched briefly on the difficulties of the Manager's position, and thanked the men for the able manner in which they had backed him up. He said that there was much talk to day of the lack of University spirit at McGill;

for himself he failed to see where it came in, quoting several instances which pointed quite the other way.

The election of officers for 1900-1901 then took place, resulting as follows:

Hon. Pres.....	Dr. Springle
Hon. Treas.....	Prof. MacLeod
Pres.....	E. G. Mason, Med. '02
Vice-Pres.....	R. W. Kenny, " '03
Secretary.....	F. S. Patch, " '03
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	Molson, '04
" " Science.....	Beck, '02
	Graham, '03
" " Med.....	Johnson, '02
	Shillington, '03
" " Law.....	Hickson, '04
	Ansey, '04

After some desultory discussion the meeting adjourned.

Societies.

MEDICAL SOCIETY.

The meeting of the McGill Medical Society was held Friday evening in Lecture Room No. III., President Taylor in the chair. On account of the interest in the subject to be debated, there was the largest attendance in the history of the Society, the other Faculties being well represented. Prof. Blackader, Prof. Adami and Dr. Lafleur were to act as judges, but, Professor Blackader being detained, Dr. Halsey took his place, and, Dr. Lafleur being absent, his place was supplied by Dr. Finley. The programme was opened with music by Messrs. Dalton and Robideau, which was heartily encored. The debate of the evening was,—“Resolved, That alcohol act as a food in the treatment of disease,” and was opened by J. A. Ward, '01, leader of the affirmative. He held the undivided attention of the audience for over twenty minutes, devoting most of his time to clinical evidence. Mr. C. J. Stewart, '01, then took the floor and called forth incessant outbursts of applause by his professional mode of address and his blackboard demonstrations of the metabolic processes of the body cells. He gave his attention to criticism of the former speaker and establishing what the food was, dwelling particularly on the point that a food must be assimilable. The authorities which he brought to the support of his statements in the form of ponderous volume on the subject seemed to leave a profound impression on the members of the Society. After an address of twenty-five minutes he was followed by Mr. L. F. Robertson, B.A., '01, for the affirmative. During an address of twenty minutes he brought forward a great deal of experimental evidence, dwelling particularly on the recent experiments of A. O. Atwater.

Mr. H. M. Collison followed on the negative

side of the question, trying to prove from the fact that alcohol was oxidized in the blood, and did not reach the cells of the body; it followed that alcohol could not be a food. He also stated that the heat lost by the dilatation of the cutaneous blood vessels was greater than that produced by the oxidation of the alcohol. He held the attention of those present for about thirty minutes.

Mr. Ward then gave the rebuttal for the affirmative, after which the debate was declared closed, and the judges retired for deliberation. Professor Mills being discovered among the students near the back, responded to their clamors by a short address. During the deliberations of the judges, Mr. Lunney entertained the members of the Society with a solo. Professor Adami then announced the decision of the judges to be in favor of the affirmative, summing up the arguments on both sides. Remarks were then made on the debate by Dr. Finley, who complimented the negative side in their plucky fight. He was followed by Dr. Halsey and Prof. Blackader, who had come in during the course of the evening. All dwelt on the high merits of the debate. Dr. Adami then moved a vote of thanks to the debaters, seconded by Dr. Blackader. Mr. Lunney, on behalf of the students, moved a vote of thanks to the professors and doctors present. The Society then adjourned to the hall, where refreshments were served.

DELTA SIGMA SOCIETY.

The last meeting of this Society before Christmas was held on Monday, December 3, in the Common Room. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary and accepted.

The President then announced the subject for the

Sophomore-Freshmen debate—"Resolved, That a man should serve his country, right or wrong."

The affirmative was supported by Miss Wilson and Miss McCally, Arts '04; the negative by Miss Angus and Miss Belyea, Arts '03.

The debate was very spirited, and ably treated on both sides. The arguments were clear and forcible, illustrations in proof of them being very aptly drawn from history.

After careful consideration, the judges returned a decision in favor of the affirmative.

In making a few remarks at the close of the debate, Miss Cameron congratulated the debaters on the care with which the subject had evidently been studied and on the general delivery, advising them, however, to make as little use of notes as possible. The meeting was then adjourned.

At the regular meeting held on Monday, Nov. 26, the members of the Delta Sigma Society enjoyed a new form of entertainment, which afforded a very pleasing variety to the usual programme.

Miss Lichtenstein related in simple beautiful words the story of Wagner's great Opera, Tannhäuser, illustrating various parts, such as the Pilgrim's chorus on the piano. The subject was presented in a very sympathetic manner, the speaker leading the audience to a fuller understanding and appreciation of the majestic, thrilling music.

Miss Greenough rendered Elizabeth's Prayer and Last Song very sweetly.

It was moved by Miss Irving, seconded by Miss Wisdom, that a vote of thanks on behalf of the Society

be tendered to Miss Lichtenstein for her kindness in enabling us to spend such an enjoyable hour together.—Carried.

The meeting then adjourned.

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R. V. C.

On Monday evening, December 3, there was a social gathering at which students and some friends of the College, especially members of the Alumnae Society, had an opportunity of meeting Mrs. Richards, graduate of Vassar, and Professor of Sanitary Chemistry in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Mrs. Richards was able to spare a few hours on her way through the city.

Her name is well known in the United States, on account both of her distinction in her professional work and of her prominence in the movement for emphasizing the teaching of "Applied Hygiene" in the schools. In the course of the short address she kindly gave, Mrs. Richards severely criticised present conditions of heedlessness as to the principles of scientific household management and ordinary hygiene, referring in particular to phenomena of American life. The very obviousness of some of the facts to which notice was drawn causes them to be often overlooked. We would wish that the remedies were equally obvious. It is always interesting to hear at first hand something about movements that are arousing the earnest attention of our neighbors.

Class Reports.

ARTS.

1901.

Our poetical friend, who for obvious reasons prefers to have his name go unrecorded, walked up to your reporter with a club last week and demanded to have the following "epic" inserted. Your reporter, having no club, assented. Here it is:—

A Christmas Carol

or

Even in death they were not divided.

Prelude—

Attend all ye who list to hear
A tale of direst woe,
A tale to draw the scalding tear
From breasts as cold as snow.

This tale is of a haughty maid
And a youth who strives to please her,
The maiden's name is Gwendoline,
The youth's is Ebenezer.

She walked along the ocean shore,
Picked up a shell—then walked some more,
While love-lorn Eben did adore
Her fairy form,

Said he, "I'm certain we have met;
I wonder if she knows me yet;
I'll brace up and p'raps I'll get
A sunny smile."

He fixed his features in a trice
The way he thought he'd look most nice,
Then, feeling as if on thin ice,
He said, "Good-day!"

A glassy glance on him she cast,
As if she thought he were the last
And meanest thing on earth, and passed
Upon her way.

And then she started in surprise,
For from the sea there did arise
A dragon's bony head and eyes,
—She felt afraid.

The dragon paddled to the shore,
And he emitted there a roar,
And then remarking nothing more
He ambled near.

Brave Eben scrambled up a tree,
Gwendoline thought it best to flee,
The dragon followed—woe is me,
He gaineth fast.

The dragon opened wide his jaws,
He caught the maiden in his claws.
I move we make a little pause
And skip some here.

But if you fain would know the rest,
She lay a cold weight in his chest,
So cold that she would not digest,
Alas too true!

"Eb." heard her cry in utter fear,
"I'm nearly suffocating here;
Oh come and save me, won't you, dear?"
Didn't he smile?

On to its back he vaulted high,
He laid his brow upon its eye;
The dragon loosed a fearful cry—
"Slabwhackey—Oh!" (See Webster).

You see his burning brow was hot;
It hurt the scaly beast a lot;
I think that I had better not
Record its words.

He clove that dragon thro' and thro',
Into his open arms she flew;
He didn't know just what to do.
Would this were all!

But as they plighted there their troth,
Another dragon, nothing loth,
Waltzed up to them and ate them both.
Eheu! eheu!

1902.

Exams are drawing near.

Even the freshest Freshman might perceive the fact—without looking in that marvellous book, the Calendar.

Does not Mrp-y appear nightly in the Library equipped for study in a blood-red sweater, and does not Brother Jack look worried as he ponders on his Economics?

Yes, all are hard at work now, even C-le who, at last accounts, was still putting in double time deciding on the subject for his Historical Thesis.

Pl-nt, utterly oblivious to his surroundings, sits in the Library with a copy of "Shelly" in front of him and a ream of foolscap at his side. Occasionally he lifts his eyes towards the roof in inspiration, but Cr-th-rs, who takes geology—a scientific man without a poetic soul, smiles scornfully when he sees it, and says Pl-nt is yawning.

McD-n-ld no longer has time to be anxious as to how his photograph will appear in the annual.

"Prune's" comments as he reviews his history notes are both voluble and forceful, and strike terror in Irv-ng's heart.

Then there is Ad ms. Perhaps you know him, he teaches lip-reading. With melancholy countenance he discusses with Mrh-y, in a stage whisper, the subject of gambling.

But the only man in our Year who still pursues the even tenor of his ways untroubled by the thought of examinations is Og-lv-e. His countenance is unruffled, his forehead shows not the furrows of care, and his smile is still as bewitching as ever, for he is thinking of the English paper, and of his essay on "A New Method of Literary Criticism Applied to Scandinavian Poetry."

1903.

At a meeting held last week Mr. MacMorran was re-elected Hockey Captain for the coming season. As matters relating to the Stanley Cup seem to be in some confusion, it was decided not to send in a challenge for that trophy this year. Messrs. Johnson, McDougal, MacMorran, Sutherland and Holman were appointed for a committee to arrange for the Class Dinner.

SOME ANIMALS I HAVE KNOWN.

(Continued).

The Cow-Ture. (Indian name signifying the One and Only). Commonly known as the *Wind Bag*. This animal has been the subject of great controversy, as to what species it belongs. Some class it with the Mak Ellyr, others say it is a branch of the Easimarc species, but probably its name denotes best what it is, namely, the One and Only One. Its peculiarities are innumerable, and to one who has not had the privilege of seeing it, the Cow-Ture is utterly indescribable. To quote again from the celebrated Icelandic poet: "To earth or sea hath not its wondrous like." Its chief interest for scientific men lies in the fact that it is the only bioculated, bicornated, bituminous and split-hooped biped that is known to exist.

There is but one living specimen of this animal in captivity, and that one is in the possession of McGill University, Montreal, Canada.

The Neddig.—This animal is found in the neighbourhood of Montreal, and is remarkable from the fact that it is the broadest animal known in proportion to its height. Although its limbs are of such enormous thickness, it is nevertheless extremely agile and can often be seen hopping about from tree to tree with the greatest activity.

The Neddig is usually seen following closely on the track of the Sparkins, and there is a proverb among the Caughnawagans which runs "where the Sparkins is there will the Neddig and the Dunlopus be gathered together."

The hide of the Neddig is of considerable value, owing to the fact that its head is crowned with a peculiar plume of long and coarse hairs of a brilliant crimson hue. It is said that it uses this to dazzle its victims and thus easily overcomes them.

1904.

The following spasm was handed in for publication the other day. There was no name attached; however, I have strong suspicions who it is, but for the sake of his family I will not disclose them. There are one or two things which one might find fault with. In the first place he speaks as though the medicine warriors had been immediately routed. This is erroneous. It took some time and a great deal of hard work to do this. Again he does not mention the assistance that the Freshmen received from Science and from one or two of the other years in Arts. It is only right that the gallant work which the few representatives from these Faculties did should be recognized by our Year. It was most delightful to see the fighting qualities of some of our

Theologs. One cannot help feeling sorry that a few of our number did not turn out at the fight. They have certainly deserved the strong condemnation which their timidity has evinced.

Roused by shouts and noise of trampling feet,
We deserted class-rooms, rushing out to meet
The Meds., who, confident in numbers great,
Stood mid snow and ice, all unconscious of their fate.
Then we formed in scant though bold array,
All stalwart, strong and eager for the fray,
The Meds. now quailing a tour dauntless look,
Kept falling back, their former post forsook,
But on we pressed with victory in our van,
True as gold that sparkling specks the pan,
Missiles made from earth's white crystal coat,
Hurled through the air and mighty Meds. they smote.
"Forward, Freshmen! Forward fighting fly,
"Arts for ever! Smash your foes!" thus rang the cry.
Apollo for a moment reined his restless steeds
Men and gods alike stood speechless at our deeds,
For like a rock before the thunderbolt of Jove,
Or like a piece of snow before an open stove,
They saw the lusty Meds. all break and melt away,
Thus—thus we won and thus we gained the day.

Some people like to hear the sound of their own voices, others the musical noise of their pounding feet. These latter are, as a rule, children.

Take the consequences of your "vilest Vandalism" like men, and pay up ye spirits of destruction.

"Have'nt we had enough of Roseting?" says Rufus.

DONALDAS.

1902.

The Reporter was sitting at a table in the Library, wearily trying to think of something to "report," when a member of the Class drew near, and remarked reproachfully that there had been no report from the Year for two weeks. The Reporter replied that she would be very glad to report anything that happened, but that the Class was not obliging enough to do anything which she could report, and that no one ever told her anything interesting to put in. "Why," said the other, "I have known of lots of funny things happening, but I have told them all to my brother." Therefore the readers may consider that at least half of the "funny things" which have appeared in the Class report of the corresponding year, should have come out in the report of Donaldas '02.

Lost, strayed or stolen, from the moral Philosophy Class-room, a brown paper bag, which originally held fruit biscuits. Any information concerning the above-mentioned bag will be gratefully received.

Reward—one of the biscuits.

ECONOMICS.

Whenever our professor gets up he may say
In an easy, natural kind of a way,
That "whatever a man wants, for that he must pay,"
When he's instantly stopped, and of course must stay,
With "would you mind repeating that sir."

Whenever a student sitting down may say
In a flustered, unnatural kind of a way,
"Would you mind repeating that sir,"
The professor answers with brow serene,
With outward grace but with inward spleen,
"Yes! if a man wants he must pay, not be mean."

Whenever the professor and student contend
There is sure to be fun that the class cannot mend,
And the student, though trying can never defend,
So the professor comes out on the top in the end,
Although he may answer "yes" when he's stemmed
With "would you mind repeating that sir."

MEDICINE.

1901.

MERRY XMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

The Dinner was a grand success. Crang's speech was the feature. It was a gem, and was the best ever delivered by a McGill student at such an occasion.

Our genial President Charlie smiled approvingly as his "wife" held the audience spellbound.

C. E. McDonald made a splendid reputation as a chorus leader.

Louis and Ruth entertained the guests admirably, and incidentally entertained themselves.

Dannie's strong voice was in evidence many times, and there were others.

It was an extremely orderly Dinner. Everybody was merry, and enjoyed themselves to the limit. Hurrah for Medical Dinners!

Campbell Howard made an ideal President.

Dr. Adami did an immeasurable amount towards making dinner a success, and his extreme popularity was evidenced by the continued cheering of his name, and the persistent industry of the name collectors, Dr. Adami was continually besieged by the autograph collectors.

Cully and Malcolm were busy during the evening attending to the various duties of the committee.

Egan and Coates made fine speeches, and found the audience in appreciative mood.

Kendal has a splendid voice, and rendered his songs splendidly.

If all enjoy the vacation as much as the participants did the Dinner, then they will indeed have a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year, and be the better for it.

Is alcohol, a food boys?

Ruth and Beilon will endeavour to treat our guests in genuine McGill style. We know that the work of the reception committee will be as well performed as the other details are.

Cook hopes that from now on his aged "juveniles" will do sufficient work to pass at least. He never expects much of them until the dinner is over. Not so with our year though. We have been workers since Sept. 23, 1897.

The action of the 2nd year should not be encouraged, as it is not in keeping with the profession. If their feelings are such that they believe they have a serious grievance, then why not express it to the Faculty. We are serious, and can testify to the fact that our professors have been ever willing to listen to our petitions, and when we were in the right we received justice. But don't let our buildings be the scene of such demonstrations.

The photos now being taken for the '02 Annual brings up a patent question. How about the '01 Annual? We, owing to *strenuous* work upon the part of business and editorial board, had the best Annual ever gotten out at McGill. It is a success in every way except financially. There is a deficit of about \$200, and there are about 150 subscribers who have not paid for the book they ordered, and they are delaying the final success. The business board hopes that the advent of the New Year and the new century will also bring a successful close to their tireless efforts.

1902.

Recently one of our number at a clinic referred to himself as being one of the Jays of the class.

We had a proof the other day that even the best of us are liable to mistakes, when, in a serious dental operation, a *canine* appeared in the forceps instead of a *bicuspid*. Better work next time.

Our representatives on the Dinner Committee have been *soliciting* subscriptions during the last week. Next week, or even earlier we may all have a chance of soliciting too.

We are indebted to one of our doctors for the following poem, which the men will do well to remember next week.

1904.

On Wednesday last the members of the First Year listened to a very interesting address by Dr. Rutan, on the subject of enregistration in the different Provinces and States. He explained the regulations in force in the several Provinces in regard to the granting of licenses, and pointed out the benefits to be derived from registering early in the course.

At the close of his remarks Dr. Rutan announced that Bacteriology would be one of the First Year subjects during the spring term.

Our recently elected Hockey captain, H. O. Howitt, having resigned, W. W. Winfrey, was unanimously chosen to fill the vacancy.

A BACTERIOLOGICAL TRAGEDY.

A gay Bacillus, to gain him glory,
Once gave a ball in a laboratory,
The fête took place on a cover glass,
Where vulgar germs could not harass.
None but the cultured were invited,
(For microbe cliques are well united),
And tightly closed the ball room doors,
To all the germs containing spores.
The Staphylococci first arrived—
To stand in groups they all contrived—
The Streptococci took great pains
To seat themselves in graceful chains.
While somewhat late, and two by two,
The Diplococci came in view.
The Pneumococci stern and haughty
Declared the Gonococci naughty.
And would not care to stay at all
If they were present at the ball.
The ball began, the mirth ran high
With not one thought of danger nigh.
Each germ enjoyed himself that night,
With never a fear of the Phagocyte.
T'was getting late (and some were "loaded").
When a jar of formalin exploded,
And drenched the happy dancing mass
Who swarmed the fatal cover-glass.

* * * * *
Not one survived, but perished all,
At this Bacteriologic ball.

—J. LEE HAGADORN, M.D., Los Angeles, in *Southern California Practitioner*.

SCIENCE.

1901.

Mechanical.

The Prof. (R. X. D.)—I say H— stop that singing. I thought something had gone wrong with the engine. (He stopped!)

Thermo Lab.—The Fish proves condensing water 100% wet. Tuesday the valve got mixed, and through the standpipe the upper flow flooded and water descended by innumerable orifices. What velocity? Whose head? and what Q?—ask the one who "got it in the neck." For further references see P—ke "On 3-Way Valves."

Hydraulics—after the exam.

W—Let's have a *drink*.

B—*Water* joke.

H—Here's where we get *soaked*.

1903.

Signs of the times:

Increased attendance at the Drawing Rooms Saturday afternoon.

Decreased attendance of students in the "Nigger heaven," vulgarly known as "the gods."

Notices of exams:

Signs on student's doors "Not in till after Christmas."

Higher board bills this month on account of gas burned after midnight.

Crowds of representatives from the Nursery watching Murphy's window.

That look of joyful anticipation on the faces of the Professors when they think of the crop of poor unfortunates that they will plough on Dec 20th.

Watch us run the lathes, according to orders on the 22nd instant "many miles away."

Seasonable and appropriate expressions heard in the Drawing Room: "Spheres." "T'was the night before Xmas."

Our representative on the Alma Mater Society informs us that the object of the aforesaid Society is to promote "Academic Union." A good expression that, if we could only use it somehow. The first instalment of this working together came in the form of Tuesday's Snowball fight. It was a good scrap, but where did our allies, to whose aid we went, come in?

T'was odd how many of them suddenly remembered a forgotten lecture when the fortune of the day was a little against them.

It is a question whether even a Class officer of '03 has authority to order an instructor to "stop that lathe" in the way one of our men repeatedly did on Wednesday. It was a pretty exhibition of western cool-

ness, as he calmly stood with his back to the machine, listened to the sound of tearing cloth, and felt his garments tighten about him as the cogs slowly but surely gathered in the material till their hunger was appeased and they were choked.

Correspondence from the Mechanicals:

B---r—What is a sociable man?

R---ts—One who, unless he has ten minutes off his own biz., busies himself bothering some one else who is busy with his own business. Get in your cage.

Rules for Freshmen, which have been adopted by the Faculties of other Seats of Learning:

A Freshmen must not carry a cane.

He must not smoke a pipe.

He must not walk on the street with a lady.

He must raise his hat to members of the Faculty and to Seniors.

He must say "Sir" when addressing Sophomores.

He must at all times be seen and not heard.

He must take part in College Athletics, join the College Societies and subscribe for the College paper.

He must forsake home and kindred and cleave to his College and stick up for it under all conditions.

He must not be a "plug" or a "mucker."

As to his actions in regard to obeying the rules and "sloping," he will learn from experience.

The College life is half the course, so attend ye to it.

And lastly, ye cannot run with both the "hares" and the "hounds."

REVUE LEGALE.

The following gentlemen were elected at a recent meeting of the Undergraduate's Society, to arrange for the Law Dinner:—Messrs. Springle, '01; Mitchell, '01; Draper, '02; Bonin, '02; and Bergeron, '03. They have chosen Her Majesty's Café as the scene of operations, and the case was inscribed peremptorily for Monday, 10th December, *coram*, Holden, P. The jolly dinner of the Cricket Club last week showed that our Committee made no mistake in choosing the new Café. Every member of the Faculty should go, for the Law Dinner will undoubtedly be *the event* of the College year.

"What Gentlemen read the *Gazette* this morning?"

Wouldn't that tire you?

Messrs. Rowat, Wainwright and Casgrain have been elected to represent us on the Committee that is considering the formation of an Alma Mater Society.

Of course, said the learned Professor, a presumption exists in favour of the competency of the Judge. Why this insistence? Who said there was not?

Scene Lecture room—Time, 8.45 a.m.

(Professor seated front centre, scribbling. Students disposed rear, left and right. Silence only broken by Professor's voice and fevered rush of pens.)

Prof.—(loquitor with engaging manner, calculated to inspire confidence and affection)—Thus we dispose of the second class of wills. There is one more point which you should not lose sight of, a holograph will signed by a man's mark is not a valid testament. (Silence again falls on scene, broken only by rush of scribbling pens and flicker of Professor's smile).

N.B.—The Professor smiled at a little bird sitting on the window ledge. Oh, wake up!

On a St. Catherine street car—Conductor, ringing his bell, "Aylmer."

H. U. P.—(sleepily)—"Here, sir."

Cross-examination.

"Now, will you please tell the Court, Mr. B—n, what is the difference between a law student of the Second Year and one of the Third."

Mr. B—n—"I don't know."

Lawyer—"Remember you are on oath, this is no place for bluff.

Mr. B—n—"I don't know, sir."

Judge D-h y—"The witness will please tell all he knows."

Mr. B—n—"That's not much, sir,"—the Judge smiles—"but it seems to me a Third Year man is afraid of the exams., but a Second Year student of the examiners."

Lawyer—"You may go, my man (n).

Recorders P. and W. record a kick against the large number of First Year McGill Law students who frequent the Court over which they preside. They assert that the students criticize their judgments and make remarks. Of course they believe that the said students go merely for the sake of knowledge. We are inclined to believe their Honours mistaken, not as to the fact, but as to the motive. We have noticed, with regret, the gradual increase of naughtiness in the Year.

It is said B—k is training for the Faculty Dinner. We notice he has changed his boarding-house.

Why does the Second Year like lamp posts?

This is the last issue before Christmas. Hurrah! Ye scribe will now take a holiday.

Comfort for the Freshies comes from the lips of a learned Professor: "No man is likely to become so learned that he will know all about a subject."

Society Item—Mr. Mare is once more among us in the enjoyment of his usual health, having recovered sufficiently from his recent severe illness to allow of his taking a slight interest in his surroundings.

Law of Carriers is a wonderful thing. "There is no obligation on a passenger to swim ashore from mid-stream. If he has bought a ticket to a given point he must be put *ashore on the land* by the Trans-

portation Company. They cannot deposit him in mid-stream." Looks easy, doesn't it?

"Now, gentlemen, we ask ourselves what is a political crime, and the answer is, I don't know."

Prof.—"Of what crime would a person be guilty who posted a letter purporting to contain money without, in fact, so containing it?"

Anxious Learner—"He would be guilty of using the mails for fraudulent purposes."

Oh, wake up! The point will come.

The Faculty Dinner of Monday evening was a great success. The chair was occupied by A. R. Holden, B.A., '01, who was supported on his left by Their Honours Sir Alexander Lacoste and Sir Melbourne Tait and Principal Peterson, while on his right were seated Their Honours Messrs. Justices Mathieu, Davidson and Doherty and our own Dean.

Her Majesty's Café justified its selection by the Committee as the scene of the *enquête*. The table decorations and appointments of the room looked exceedingly pretty in the subdued light from the cunningly arranged "incandescents," and formed an appropriate setting for the galaxy of learning and wit that was gathered together.

Most of the members of the Faculty were present. Another pleasing feature was the presence of a number of members of the Junior Bar, who have not forgotten their own student days and the jolly dinners "they used to have."

The menu card was neat, and formed a pretty souvenir of the evening.

The toast list, too, was well arranged. Of course the speeches were good. How could it be otherwise when the leaders of the Bench and Bar were gathered together?

It did us good to see the stern dignity of the Bench relaxed and the professional effrontery of the Bar laid aside. It did them good, too, to renew their youth with story and song and (no, we can't say that word).

The after-dinner programme was varied with songs and recitations, which were well rendered and heartily enjoyed.

The Court adjourned at an early hour, with the firm intention of following the sound advice on the back of the menu card. May we live to see such another dinner!

"A Merry Christmas to you all." We trust you will all turn up sound in body and soul at 8.30 a.m. on 7th January, 1901.

Problem for the holidays—Did the Twentieth Century begin last year, or this year or next year. Send answers, enclosing twenty-five cents, to

"The Law Reporter,

Care of Editor of THE OUTLOOK,

McGill University."

WE ARE ELEVEN.

(With apologies to lovers of Wordsworth)

I met a little College Lad,
He was twenty odd, he said,
Black and straight was the hair he had,
And it clustered round his head.

He had a deal of *savoir faire*,
His bearing it was sad,
His eyes! A most supernal pair!
Their beauty made me glad.

"Classmates in College, little Lad,
How many may you be?"
"How many? Eleven in all," he said,
And wondering looked at me.

"And who are they, I pray you tell?"
He cried, "Eleven are we!"
The sum of legal detritus
From years that used to be.

Our former pals in court now lie,
And even so might we
If somewhere we could only buy
A high or low degree."

"Now, why not work," I said, and "gain
Your academic heaven?"
He sighed, "You've given me a pain,
You don't know the Eleven!
Not of the working classes they,
You do but throw your words away!"

H. F.

COLLEGE NEWS THROUGH EXCHANGES.

"The MCGILL OUTLOOK for Nov. 1 contains the first part of a humorous story. The part we have read is somewhat laughable, and if, as we presume it is, the work of an Undergraduate, is a work of merit. This exchange also contains full page cuts of four of the candidates at the general elections. Under the cut of Sir Wilfrid Laurier the editors appeal to the people to vote for the Liberal party, while under that of Dr. Thomas Roddick, a McGill professor, is an appeal to men to canvas and vote for the Conservatives. In the face of this we feel assured that no one will accuse the OUTLOOK of partiality in the recent elections."—*The Argosy*, Mount Allison.

These and other remarks on the same subject by exchanges have afforded us no little amusement. Our friends evidently did not observe the word "*Advertisements*" heading each of the election pages referred to, which are managed by a local Advertising Agency.

The last number of *'Varsity* contains, among other articles, an account of the rehearsals for the Greek play, which is to be presented by the students. The play is in six acts, and is called "The Return of Odysseus." *'Varsity* heads us here.

The birdlet on the treeling
Now carols forth its notelet,
The boy that hath no feeling
Ties tin cans to the goatlet.

What then the spring is here,
In palace and in hutlet!
The goat doth get upon his ear,
And gives that boy a butlet.

CRIMSON.

The Science Freshmen are making elaborate preparations for their Annual Smoker. It is, this year, to be tendered exclusively to the Seniors. Committees have been appointed and invitations are soon to be issued.—*Queen's*.

How is this for a bright idea for Freshmen to become acquainted with their Seniors? Buck up, McGill.

Some of the young ladies at the Students' Dance were greatly puzzled on being asked by certain Freshies "Are you full yet?" It is rumoured that one damsel was so horror-struck that she stared speechlessly at the Freshie and then stammered out: "No! but I think you must be!" Another was heard to murmur "As if we would tell if we were anyway."—*Queen's*.

A meeting will be held in the training-house (House E Dormitories) at 7 o'clock this evening to arrange the schedule for the Inter-Class football games. It is important that each Class in each department send a representative, so that convenient dates may be selected. No postponement of games will be allowed.—*The Pennsylvanian*.

It is a great pity that Inter-Class games have fallen through at McGill this season. They afford good fun and develop material for the University teams.

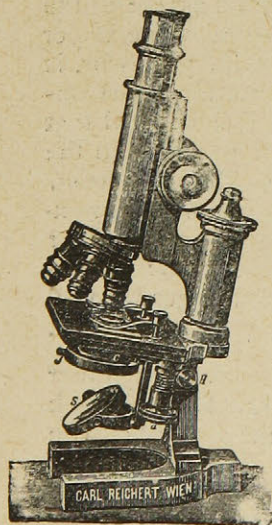
Yale has received \$10,000 for prizes and instruction in debating.

A press club has been formed at Dartmouth for the purpose of securing a better representation of the College in the newspapers.

Professor Dyer, of Oxford, has been delivering a course of lectures on Greek Art at the University of California. He lectures also in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago and at Harvard University.

Some idea of the immense crowds that attend the annual Berkeley-Stanford Thanksgiving games may be noted from the arrangements being made for the coming game on the Berkeley campus. With the exception of one dollar and one dollar and a half general admissions all seats at the game Thanksgiving will be individually reserved, just as seats are reserved in theatres. This gives about fourteen thousand reserved seats, the prices of which will range from \$1.50 to \$2.50. The sale will commence November 19. Some of the students will be employed as ushers. The rooting sections for the rival universities will be opposite each other this year. They will be good seats not far from the center of the field, and will be individually reserved. The price of seats in the rooting section will be \$1.50.—*The Oregon*.

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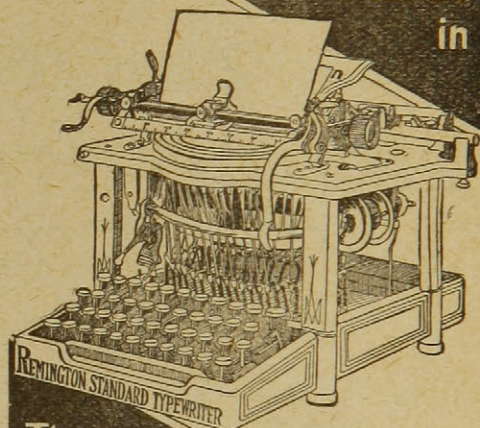
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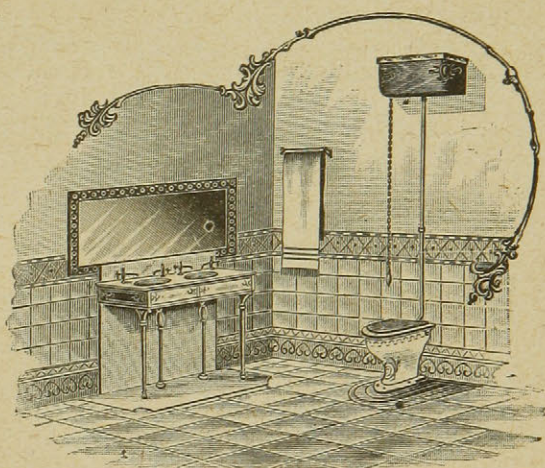
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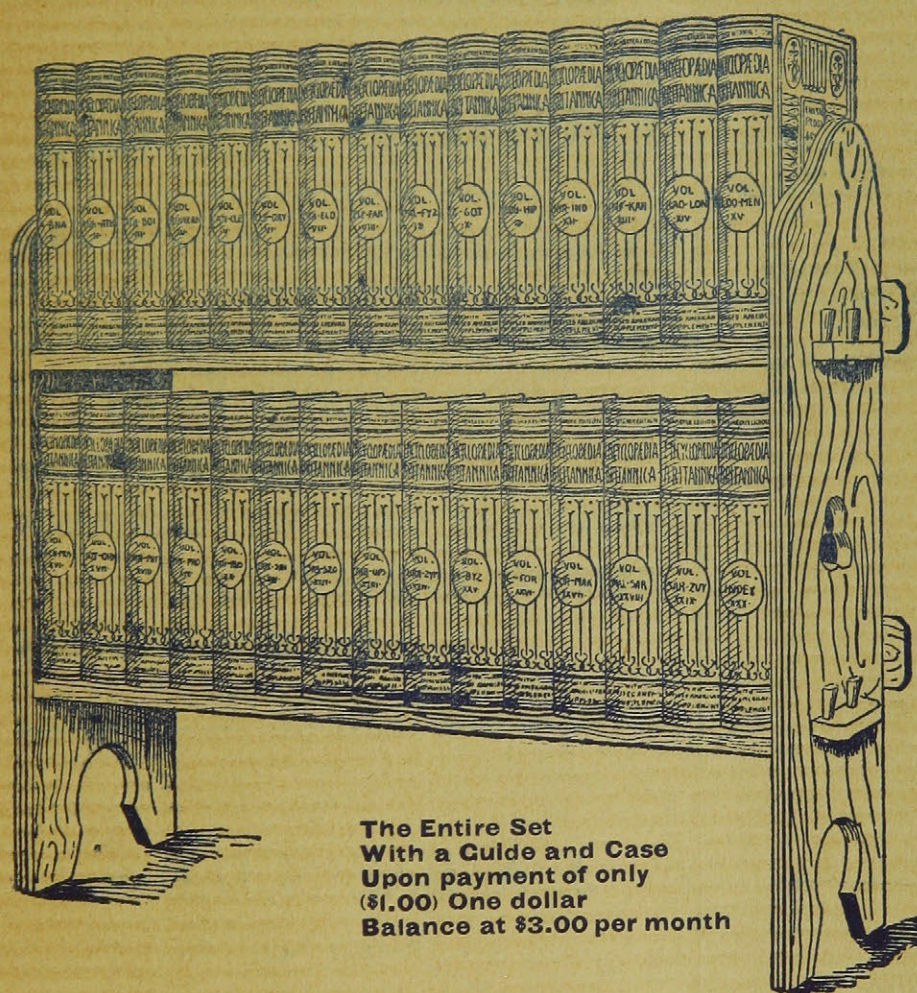
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